

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 and 7-12 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 7 have been amended, Claim 6 has been canceled without prejudice, and Claim 12 has been added by the present amendment.

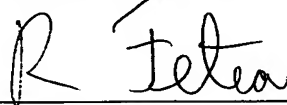
In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Zhang (U.S. Patent No. 6,154,541); Claims 3, 9, and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Zhang in view of Examiner's Official Notice; and Claims 6, 7, and 11 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. In view of that indication, independent Claim 1 has been amended to recite the allowable subject matter of Claim 6 and new Claim 12 has been added to recite all the features of independent Claim 1 and allowed Claim 11. Thus, Claim 6 has been canceled. No new matter has been added.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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